



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PCT/EP99/07855 23 JUL 2001

Commissioner for Patents, Box PCT
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231
www.uspto.gov

U.S. APPLICATION NO.

09/830131

FIRST NAMED APPLICANT

BIRKE

ATTY. DOCKET NO.

10535 US

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

PCT/EP99/07855

I.A. FILING DATE

15 OCT 99

PRIORITY DATE

29 OCT 98

DATE MAILED:

23 MAY 2001

NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

1. The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as
 - a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494) an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):
 - U.S. Basic National Fee.
 - Copy of the international application.
 - Oath or Declaration of inventors(s).
 - Copy of Article 19 amendments.
 - Priority Document.
 - The International Preliminary Examination Report in English and its Annexes, if any.
 - Translation of Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report into English.
2. Applicant has requested early processing under 35 U.S.C. 371(l) but has not filed the following indicated items and/or prior to 20 or 30 months from the priority date to avoid abandonment.
 - U.S. Basic National Fee.
 - Copy of the international application.
3. The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:
 - a. Translation of the application into English. A processing fee will be required if submitted later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date.
 - b. The current translation is defective for the reasons indicated on the attached Notice of Defective Translation.
 - c. Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), properly identifying the application (preferably by the International application number and international filing date). A surcharge will be required if submitted later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date.
 - d. Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(c)).
4. Additional claim fees of \$ _____ as a large entity small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due (37 CFR 1.492(g)). See attached PTO-875.
5. Applicant has not submitted the required sequence listing pursuant to 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. See attached PCT/DO/EO/920.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH IN 3(a)-3(d), 4 AND 5 ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 OR 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

6. If box 3a or 3c is checked, a translation of the Annexes **MUST** be submitted no later than the time period set above or the Annexes will be cancelled. A processing fee will be required if submitted later than 20 or 30 months from the priority date.
7. The Article 19 amendments are cancelled since a translation was not provided by the appropriate 20 (37 CFR 1.494(d)) or 30 (37 CFR 1.495(d)) months from the priority date.

Applicant is reminded that any communication to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above. (37 CFR 1.5)

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with this response.

Enclosed: PCT/DO/EO/917
 PTO-875

Notice of Defective Translation
 PCT/DO/EO/920

Charlotta A. Burt, Paralegal
Telephone: 703-305-3734

BEST AVAILABLE COPY